

MEETING 2

WHAT IS WORSHIP?

WORSHIP IS CELEBRATING THE GREATNESS OF GOD.

WORSHIP IS AN IMPORTANT SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINE TO PRACTICE AS TEAMKIDS GROW IN GODLINESS. TODAY'S BIBLE STORY INTRODUCES TEAMKIDS TO WORSHIP THROUGH MARY: A KNOWN SINNER WHO WORSHIPED JESUS BY WASHING HIS FEET WITH TEARS AND PERFUME. WORSHIP CAN BE EXPRESSED THROUGH MANY ACTIONS—SINGING, BIBLE READING, PRAYER, OR SERVICE. MOST IMPORTANTLY, WORSHIP IS EXPRESSED WHEN THE POSTURE OF OUR HEARTS CELEBRATE THE GREATNESS OF GOD.

UNIT VERSE

You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being. *Revelation 4:11 NIV*

BIBLE VERSE

You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. My sacrifice, O God, is[a] a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise. *Psalms 51:16-17 NIV*

BONUS VERSE

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BIBLE STORY

Mary Washed Jesus' Feet (Matthew 26:6-13; Mark 14:3-9; Luke 7:36-50; John 12:1-8)

BIBLE TRUTH

Worship is celebrating the greatness of God.

LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

- Preteens: God expects people to worship Him with all their hearts, souls, minds, and strength

BIBLE SKILL

Locate many books in the Bible without assistance.

PARENT CONNECTION

Lead parents deeper into the Bible story and life application by sharing this meeting's Parent Connection (Item 21).

Tech Needs:
*Ask Small Group Leader
Show Unit Verse
Missions flower photo

CHECK IN ACTIVITY (5-10 MINUTES)

PROVIDE:

- Familiar recording of a worship song TeamKIDs would know.

TO DO:

- Create hand motions for the chorus of the chosen worship song.

Teaching tip: Invite early arrivers to create hand motions for the worship song.

- Play familiar worship music as TeamKIDs arrive. Turn off the music and teach kids the hand motions you have prepared before class until they can follow along with you. As more TeamKIDs arrive, encourage them to follow along. Just before class begins, play the song and sing it together as a group, performing the motions TeamKIDs learned.



LARGE GROUP (15-20 MINUTES)

PROVIDE:

- Bible
- Activity Books

TO DO:

- Mark either Matthew 26:6-13, Luke 7:36-50, or John 12:1-8 in your Bible.

Tell the Bible story.

- Say: "Great job learning the motions to that worship song! We used the song and hand motions to worship God. Worship is healthy habit of obeying God and growing to look more like Jesus. There are many ways to worship God. Today we will learn about a woman who worshiped in a different way."
- Open your Bible to one or more Bible story passage. Hold the Bible open on your lap, and tell the following Bible story.

MARY WASHED JESUS' FEET

BASED ON MATTHEW 26:6-13, MARK 14:3-9; LUKE 7:36-50; JOHN 12:1-8

One day Simon, a Pharisee (religious leader), invited Jesus to come to his house to eat. While Jesus was there a woman named Mary who was a known sinner entered the house.

Mary brought a jar of fragrant oil with her. She stood behind Jesus at His feet and began to cry. As she cried, she washed Jesus' feet with her tears and wiped His feet with her hair before pouring the fragrant oil from the jar on them.

Simon was shocked! He didn't understand why Jesus would let a sinner touch Him. Then Jesus told Simon a story, called a parable. "Two men owed money to a third man. The first one owed a lot, and the second man owed a little. The men could not pay back what they owed. So the third man forgave them both. Which man do you think loved him more?"

Simon answered, "I suppose the one who had owed the most money. He was forgiven the most."

"You are right." Jesus answered. Then Jesus turned to the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I came to your house. You did

not give me any water to wash My feet. But this woman, with her tears, has washed My feet. Her many sins have been forgiven, that is why she loves Me much. The one who is forgiven of a little loves only a little."

Jesus said to Mary, "Your sins are forgiven."

The other people at the table wondered, "Who is this man that He can forgive sins?"

Jesus told her, "Your faith has saved you. Go in peace."



Review the Bible story.

- Stand beside a dry-erase board or chalkboard. Ask one of the following questions, then raise your arms, palms facing the group. The first two TeamKIDs to get up from their seats, run to the board, and high-five your hand may confer and write the answer on the board. Encourage both TeamKIDs in their hard work whether or not they get the correct answer, then share the correct answer with everyone. Once a TeamKID has written her answer on the board, lead her to encourage her teammates.

1. At whose house was Jesus eating? (*Simon, the Pharisee*)
2. Who came into the house to worship Jesus? (*Mary*)
3. How did Mary worship Jesus? (*Mary washed Jesus' feet with her tears, dried His feet with her hair, and anointed them with perfume.*)
4. Was everyone happy with Jesus for allowing Mary do that? (*No*)
5. What parable did Jesus tell to help the people understand? (*a parable about a man who forgave two people*)
6. What did Jesus say to Mary? (*"Your sins are forgiven; Your faith has saved you. Go in peace."*)

Apply Biblical Learning

- Explain to TeamKIDs that Mary worshiped Jesus not with a song, but with expensive and fragrant perfume. We can worship in lots of different ways—reading our Bibles, praying, singing, and so much more. But the most important part of worship is the posture of our hearts. Remind TeamKIDs that "the posture of our hearts" means our attitudes and motivations behind our worship. Mary's actions expressed her worship to Jesus. When we worship, we need to examine our hearts and motivations to see if we are really celebrating and worshiping God from hearts that love Him and want to bring glory to God.

MISSIONS (10-15 MINUTES)

PROVIDE:

- Item 26: "Flower Market Photo"
- Assorted artificial flowers
- Vase

TO DO:

- Display the flower market photo. Put artificial flowers in a bag for kids to choose one.

- Remind TeamKIDs they are learning about the people of South Asia and how they can tell them about Jesus.
- Say: "Even if we can't go to a country like India or Nepal, we can support the Christians who are there and we can pray. We can also share Jesus with South Asians right here in America."
- Show the "Flower Market Photo" and explain that colorful flowers grow in many places of South Asia. Say: "In South Asia, they worship many gods beside the One true God. These beautiful flowers are used as offering to other gods. People visit flower markets, buy the flowers, and make arrangements to bring to temples of other gods. Sometimes they weave them into long garlands of flowers."
- Pass the bag of flowers around the room and ask each kid to select one. Lead kids to add their flowers to a vase to make an arrangement. With each flower, think of a way to pray for South Asians and missionaries.
- Say: "As Christians, when we create something beautiful out of flowers, we know the One who made the flowers! Our God is the creator of everything and He is real –not like the false gods of South Asia." Close in prayer, asking God to help the people of South Asia to know Him.



Pray.

Lead TeamKIDs in prayer. Ask God to show them all the many ways they can worship Him.

SMALL GROUP (20-25 MINUTES)

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Expand the Session

Distribute an Activity Page to each child. Lead kids to complete this week's activity page.

Optional Activity: QUICK! COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS!

- Encourage TeamKIDs to form groups of two or three. Distribute a piece of paper and a writing utensil to each group. Set a timer for five minutes, and instruct TeamKIDs that they will be writing down all the great things God has done for them. These can be as simple as keeping kids safe on their drive to TeamKID or as exciting as curing a family member from illness. When the timer begins, kids should begin writing as quickly as possible. Alert the group as each minute passes and encourage them to keep brainstorming. When time expires, call on each group to read their list. Use fingers to keep count of how many blessings each group shares. The team with the most blessings listed wins!



CHECK OUT (15-20 MINUTES)

Lead these games from the *TeamKID: All In Playbook* one at a time so all children can participate. If time permits, include the unit game in the tournament.

1. TABLE TENNIS TOSS (TEAMKID PLAYBOOK PAGE 9)

- Lead TeamKIDs to stand arms-length apart and toss the ball to one another, trying to catch it in the cup. After kids successfully catch the ball in the cup, they should take a step backward to increase the challenge with each toss. Any team that drops the ball should start back at the beginning and begin again. Play as time allows, determining the winning team at the end of the game with the greatest distance between the pair.
- Debrief: Encourage the final team by saying, "Wow! The distance between the two of you was huge! In fact, all of you did an awesome job of starting close together and allowing your distance to become greater and greater. It's easy to see greatness in this world, but if we pay attention, it's even easier to see greatness in God. He is the biggest, strongest, wisest, and most forgiving One to have ever existed, and we should worship Him because of His greatness."